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In the application of:

HUBBARD

Appl no.: 10/775,207

Filed: February 11, 2004

For: PEEL-AND-STICK FABRIC BACKED  
COVERING MEMBRANE

Group art unit: 1771

Examiner: Zirker, D.R.

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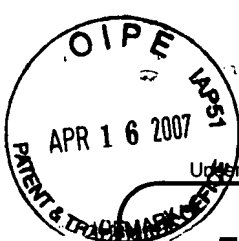
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| Filing Date            | 11 February 2004 |
| First Named Inventor   | Hubbard          |
| Art Unit               | 1771             |
| Examiner Name          | Zirker           |
| Attorney Docket Number | P06102US2A       |

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

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Application/Patent No.: 10/775,207 Date of filing/issuance: 11 February 2004  
Entitled: PEEL-AND-STICK FABRIC BACKED COVERING MEMBRANE  
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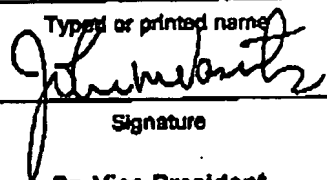
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